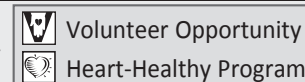




Winter-Spring
2017

PRESCHOOL LIVING AND LEARNING



For more information, contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department at 812-349-3700 or visit us at bloomington.in.gov/parks. Register at bloomington.in.gov/parks or stop by the office at City Hall, 401 N. Morton St., Suite 250.

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Inclusive Approach to Recreation: All City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation programs are inclusive to people with and without disabilities. Please contact our Inclusive Recreation Coordinator Amy Shrake, CTRS, for details: 812-349-3747 or shrakea@bloomington.in.gov.

LIVING AND LEARNING

FREE **NEW FAMILY EVENTS at Banneker**

Fridays • 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Banneker Community Center,
930 W. Seventh St.

Participation in these programs
is free, but registration is required.

Winter Beach Party

Escape the cold at an indoor beach party at the Banneker Community Center! Enter a summer wonderland complete with baby pools, sand, toys, and plenty of snacks.

1/13 • For ages 2-7 yrs. w/parent.
Register by 1/11 • 77511-A



Be Mine Banneker Valentine's Party

Celebrate Valentine's Day with your little ones at the Banneker Community Center! Kids create their own Valentine's cards, munch on yummy snacks, and play heartwarming games.

2/10 • For ages 2-10 yrs. w/parent.
Register by 2/8 • 77509-A

Banneker Carnival

Brighten your midwinter week with an indoor carnival! Face painting, a musical parade, carnival games, festive story time, and more await you in the Banneker gym.

3/3 • For ages 2-10 yrs. w/parent.
Register by 3/1 • 77508-A

Science of Spring

Celebrate spring with science projects, crafts, stories, and snacks as we learn about seeds and plants. Dress for a mess; we'll be planting seeds to take home!

4/7 • For ages 3-8 yrs. w/parent.
Register by 4/5 • 77510-A

Toy Time

The Banneker Community Center is brimming with toys and activities for your child, and comfortable carpeting and seating for you! Activities are frequently provided by Banneker staff and community partners while the play room is open for free play.

M-F 1/9-4/28 • 9 a.m.-noon
FREE • For ages newborn-5 yrs. w/parent
Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Baby Time

NEW!

This drop-in, half-hour snuggle and play time is set aside for you and baby. Sing, dance, wiggle, tickle, and read together, plus meet other adults with young children. Instructor: Jennifer Perry

W 1/4-4/26 • 11-11:30 a.m.
FREE • For ages 2 yrs. and under w/parent.
Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Preschool Story Hour

Storybooks come alive on Monday mornings. Crafts, active play, games and making new friends enhance the richness of children's literature. Instructor: Jennifer Perry

M 1/9-4/24 • 10-11 a.m.
FREE • For ages 2-5 yrs. w/parent.
Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Preschool Garden Club

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard's garden educators visit the Banneker Community Center on Wednesdays this spring with free garden programming for preschoolers and parents. You and your child can explore Banneker's garden space and get your hands dirty doing preschool garden projects and arts and crafts while learning about food and gardening. This program is free, but registration is required. Instructor: Georgia O'Connor

W 3/29-5/17 • 10-11 a.m. • 77507-A
FREE • For ages 2-5 yrs. w/parent.
Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

MUSIC AND DANCE

Music Time for Toddlers

This music class encourages children to uncover an engaging musical world while building confidence, self-control, and communication skills. Toddlers engage in singing, imitating sounds, rhyming, and object identification to foster language skills. Creative movement to various "moods" develops a sense of balance, timing and spatial awareness. Specially designed exploration, movement, and story time encourage emergent literacy and help make this class enjoyable for caregivers and children alike. Music Time for Toddlers classes are cancelled when MCCSC classes are cancelled.

M 2/6-5/1 • 10:30-11:15 a.m. • Register by 2/3 • 77501-A
\$110/in-city, \$120/non-city • For ages 1-3 yrs. w/parent.
Class does not meet 3/13.
Allison-Jukebox Community Center, 351 S. Washington St.

SPORTS AND FITNESS

Turf Time for Toddlers

The indoor turf field at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center provides you and your young child with ample space to run, play, and practice ball throwing, catching and kicking skills. **This free-time play is parent or caretaker supervised physical play. TLRC staff does not supervise this area during the program and children cannot be dropped off without supervision.** For more information, contact the TLRC at 812-349-3720.

Tu, Th • 9:30-10:30 a.m.
\$5, FREE for TLRC members • For ages 1-6 yrs. w/parent.
Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

SPORTS AND FITNESS *(continued)*

Physical Fridays

Does your little one have energy to burn? Visit the Banneker Community Center's indoor playground filled with balls, toys, and tumbling mats. When youngsters are tired of running and jumping, Banneker's third-floor playroom is open for free-time play. Drop in to share active time with your toddler, and meet other families in the community. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

F 1/13–5/26 • 9:30–11:30 a.m.

FREE • For all ages.

Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Basketball Future Stars

Give your preschooler a chance to explore the game of basketball! Young players get a foundation in ball handling skills with age-appropriate drills that teach the basics of defense, dribbling, passing and shooting. Parent participation is welcome and encouraged. Wednesday Future Stars is cancelled when MCCSC classes are cancelled.

Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Sa 1/28–3/4 • 10–10:45 a.m. • Register by 1/20 • 77505-A
\$50/in-city, \$55/non-city • For ages 3–5 yrs. w/parent.

Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

W 2/1–3/8 • 4:45–5:30 p.m. • Register by 1/27 • 77505-B
\$50/in-city, \$55/non-city • For ages 3–5 yrs. w/parent.

Tee Ball Sport Shorties

Sport Shorties athletes learn the basic skills of baseball in a fun and safe atmosphere. Participants are introduced to throwing, batting, fielding and live-game experiences. Parent participation is welcome and encouraged. Teams are determined after the registration deadline. Participants are contacted via e-mail with team placement and game/practice times. Games and practices run for 45 minutes between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

There is one built-in rain date on June 17. If there is more than one rainout, it will not be rescheduled. Player/coach requests should be noted on registration form or in online comment section. For more information about Tee Ball Sport Shorties contact the Banneker Community Center at 812-349-3735. **In case of inclement weather, call the Outdoor Sports Hotline at 349-3610.**

Volunteer Coaches Needed: If interested in coaching, apply online at bloomington.in.gov/parksvol.

Coaches Orientation Session: Thursday, April 27 from 5:30–7 p.m. at the Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Sa 4/29–6/10 • Times TBD • Register by 4/21.

\$50/in-city, \$55/non-city

For ages 3–4 yrs. w/parent. • 77504-A

For ages 5–6 yrs. w/parent. • 77504-B

Lower Cascades Park, 2851 N. Old State Rd. 37, ballfields



LEARN TO RIDE



Spend the entire summer cruising on your bicycle after this Bloomington Bikes Month class. Beginning bike riders learn how to confidently and safely ride their bikes through individual instruction, and also learn about bike maintenance, road safety, and proper bike and helmet fitting. Each participant receives a free bike helmet and must bring a bicycle without training wheels. Parents are encouraged to participate and must remain on site.

Tu–W–Th 5/2–5/4 • 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Register by 4/28 • 77506-A

Tu–W–Th 5/9–5/11 • 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Register by 5/5 • 77506-B

\$35/in-city, \$40/non-city • For ages 7–11 yrs. w/parent.
Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, 2700 E. Rogers Rd.—
southeast corner of parking lot



6U/8U Academy by Diamond Dynamics



The new 6U/8U Academy is offered to beginning players ages 4–8 yrs. and is instructed by the professional softball training organization, Diamond Dynamics!

Wednesdays • 5/1–6/28

5:30–6:45 p.m., 30-min. practice/45-min. scrimmage

\$65 • Register by 4/28 • 77202-A

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FRANK SOUTHERN ICE ARENA

Open through March 4 • bloomington.in.gov/ice
 Ice Information Hotline: 812-349-3741

PUBLIC SKATING

All sessions subject to change or cancellation.

Monday–Friday: noon–2:30 p.m.

Friday: 7–9 p.m.

Saturday: 1:30–3 p.m.

7–9 p.m. (Lunar Skating*) &
 9:15–11 p.m. (Night Owl*)

Sunday: 3–5 p.m.

Rates

Admission

\$6

Skate rental

\$3

New skate sharpening

\$10

Skate sharpening

\$5 and \$6

(immediate service)

Economy Pass

\$54 (10 sessions,
 excludes skate rental)

**Lunar Skating and Night Owl Skating do not take place 1/7.*



The program helps skaters progress with confidence from level to level.

Session II:

January 12–March 4 • Register by 1/11.

For detailed information, visit bloomington.in.gov/skatingschool.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, February 12 • 2–5 p.m.

**Bloomington High School South,
 1965 S. Walnut St.**

—parking lot adjacent to the
 Frank Southern Ice Arena

Admission: \$7 • Family passes: \$25

Good for up to five members of the same family.



Bundle up and spend the afternoon celebrating winter!

Slide down Snowzilla (a giant sledding hill), bring your pooch to compete in the Canine Cup, and enjoy snow- and winter-themed games and activities!

Sponsored by **DEEM**

Ammonia, Halocarbon & CO2 Refrigeration Design/Build Services



Seusspicious Behavior

A birthday celebration for Dr. Seuss.

Saturday, March 4 • 1–4 p.m.

For all ages. • FREE

**Monroe County Public Library,
 303 E. Kirkwood Ave.**

Co-sponsored by:



**Saturday, March 25
 1–4 p.m.**

**Bloomington/Monroe County
 Convention Center, 302 S. College Ave.
bloomington.in.gov/chexpo**

Bloomington's favorite event for family fun!

Parents with elementary- and preschool-age children have plenty of options to take part in a huge variety of interactive games and activities. While at the Children's Expo, stroll through the Camp Fair and find the perfect summertime adventure for your child!

Also includes free wellness assessments and exhibits by businesses and organizations with products and services just for children and families.



Keep the entire family active during Spring Break!
 Bubble Soccer • Giant
 Jenga • Rigamajig • Yoga
 and many more games
 and activities!

NEW!

Thursday, March 16 • 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Twin Lakes Recreation Center,
 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd. • \$3/person**